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SUBJECT: THREAT ASSESSMENT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO
PARIS, MAY 29 - JUNE 1, 1977

1. A REVIEW OF OUR INTELLIGENCE FILES AND AN ANALYSIS
OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE HAS DISCLOSED NO EMBARRASSING
OR THREATENING SITUATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SECRETARY
VANCE'S TRIP TO PARIS MAY 29 - JUNE 1, 1977.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ONLY.

A. TERRORISM

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NUMEROUS TRANSNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS, SUCH AS THE
POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP),
THE JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA), THE LATIN AMERICAN BASED
REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATION JUNTA (JCR), AND THE "CARLOS"
GROUPS, HAVE, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES
IN PARIS. MOREOVER, PARIS APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR
CENTERS FOR ARMS SUPPLIES TO THESE TERRORIST GROUPS.

OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS, MORE NATIONALISTICALLY ORIENTED, HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN PARIS. THE LATEST INCIDENT OCCURRED ON MAY 15 WHEN AN ARMENIAN TERRORIST GROUP BOMBED A TURKISH TOURISM OFFICE. IN GENERAL, TWO OR THREE INCIDENTS LIKE THE ABOVE OCCUR IN PARIS EVERY MONTH. THOUGH NOT DIRECTED AT THE UNITED STATES, ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, IN LATE DECEMBER 1976, AN ATTACK ON THE ALBANIAN EMBASSY TOOK PLACE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL LIVES.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS

DEMONSTRATORS NEED PERMITS FROM THE LOCAL POLICE BEFORE THEY CAN ASSEMBLE. GENERALLY, MOST OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE WELL POLICED. ALTHOUGH DEMONSTRATIONS ARE RATHER FREQUENT IN PARIS, FEW ARE DIRECTED AT THE UNITED STATES. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH WOULD FUEL ANTI-AMERICAN OUTBURSTS IN FRANCE, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE CONCORDE PROBLEM.

THE LAST INCIDENT DIRECTED AT THE UNITED STATES OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 6, 1976 IN NICE, WHEN THE U.S. CONSULATE'S WALLS WERE PAINTED WITH POLITICAL SLOGANS BY CORSICAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS.

C. FRENCH SECURITY CAPABILITIES

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FRENCH SECURITY AGENCIES (ESPECIALLY THE DST - DIRECTION DE LA SURVEILLANCE DU TERRITOIRE) ARE CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING TERRORISTS OR VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS. PREVIOUS VISITS TO PARIS BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE (JANUARY 28-29, 1977) AND SECRETARY VANCE (APRIL 1-2, 1977 AND MAY 17-18, 1977) TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT. VANCE

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